

KILL Lansley's NHS Bill!

The coalition government is still pushing legislation through Parliament that would dismantle our National Health Service.

ANDREW LANSLEY'S 'Health and Social Care Bill', published in January, has been almost universally criticised – but only very marginally amended after the "pause" and the sham "listening" exercise. Ministers are clearly determined to change none of the essentials of the Bill.



Mr Lansley thinks his plan will work!

DID YOU KNOW the Bill could still cost a massive £3 billion or more, and effectively *privatise* almost 1 million NHS staff in England?

DID YOU KNOW *clinical services* are for the first time to be opened up to bids from "Any Qualified Provider" – opening the door to cowboy private companies, and smashing down quality of care, in the same way as Thatcher's privatisation of hospital cleaning wrecked hospital hygiene standards and kick-started MRSA in the 1980s?

DID YOU KNOW that – despite all the hype – GPs will *NOT* really be in charge, but will be under the thumb of a remote, bureaucratic NHS Commissioning Board? GPs will have *no say* over which providers will be included on the new national register.

All the real work of commissioning will be done by management teams, many of them from private companies.

DID YOU KNOW that patients will have even *less choice* than they do now? Hospital referrals will require the rubber stamp of "referral management" teams, often run by private companies, seeking to cut spending.



A couple of qualified providers ready to go

DID YOU KNOW that the expansion of private providers will inevitably *bankrupt* and close many local NHS services and hospitals – leaving patients to travel further for treatment? Nobody is choosing that.

DID YOU KNOW that Foundation Trusts will be free to make as much money as they like from private medicine, treating more wealthy patients from home and abroad, while NHS budgets are squeezed?

DID YOU KNOW that £20 billion of cuts will mean the GP Commissioning Groups, being set up without any consultation with their own patients or public, will be forced to act as *rationing boards*, deciding what services to close and exclude from the NHS?

DID YOU KNOW that none of this could happen if successive governments had not tried to run the NHS as a business, rather than a public service, by dividing it into "Purchasers" and "Providers" – known as the Split?

DID YOU KNOW that the *additional bureaucracy* to run this Split costs at least £10 billion a year of your money?

DID YOU KNOW that first Scotland, then Wales have abolished the Split and now have an NHS based on *cooperation*, not *competition*?

DID YOU KNOW that, since this happened, official figures show that the NHS in Scotland is now *more efficient* than that in England, with shorter waiting times and greater patient satisfaction?

THE BILL is long and complicated: but the issues are clear: it is smashing up our NHS and opening the doors to private profiteers. It is completing Thatcher's privatisation drive of the 1980s. That's why we have to **KILL LANSLEY'S BILL** ... before it kills the NHS.

WRITE to your local MP and councillors, WRITE to the BBC and local and national newspapers, and **JOIN** Keep Our NHS Public.

For more details on the Bill and the campaign: www.keepournhspublic.com

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If we are going to halt and reverse the government's rapid march towards privatisation and marketisation of the NHS, we need resources to enable us to reach out to the large number of individuals and organisations who are not yet aware of the issues at stake or involved in the campaign to Keep Our NHS Public.

Keep Our NHS Public activities so far have been funded by a handful of individuals, unions and branches and by one of our founding organisations - the NHS Consultants Association. To go further we need to raise more money - and we need it now, to enable us to make an impact on current events, including active opposition to Lansley's Health & Social Care Bill.

If you support what we stand for, sign our launch statement online. Send us a donation or join us - either as an individual, or organise a donation from your trade union branch or committee, or from any other organisation which supports our aims and objectives.

Any amount, large or small, would be greatly appreciated and wisely used. All donations will be used to support the activities of Keep Our NHS Public.

If you would like to join our campaign please return this form to the address below.

Name Address

Postcode email

Telephone (in case of query on this form)

Send to: Keep Our NHS Public, 19 Vincent Terrace, London N1 8HN

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN! I enclose £10 (waged); £5 (unwaged)

Make a donation: I would like to donate £

Alternatively, to make a regular donation, write to us at above address or via email to: campaignmanager@keepournhspublic.com and we will send you a **standing order form**.

Thank you for spreading the word and for your support.

Write to your MP and ask him to vote against the Bill at its Third Reading: Make sure your local MP is fighting the Bill

Kill Lansley's Bill- it will make you very ill